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CCC HIRING NOW FOR NEW ESCONDIDO CREW

The California Conservation Corps is now taking applications for its new Escondido crew.

The CCC is seeking 15 young men and women between the ages of 18 and 23 to be the first participants on its new nonresidential crew in Escondido. They will work on a wide range of natural resource projects, including removing non-native eucalyptus trees from Escondido Creek and assisting Caltrans with landscaping and brush removal.

Those who sign up now can be a part of the Corps in February. Requirements are few: applicants must be California residents, within the specified age range and not on probation or parole. Fingerprinting and drug testing is part of the application process. Corpsmember salaries begin at \$6.75 an hour for a guaranteed 40-hour week.

CCC Recruiter Kris LeCourt holds office hours and orientation sessions in Escondido every Tuesday and Thursday, at 2259 E. Valley Parkway, at the Escondido Community Center. The CCC's Escondido office number is **(760) 741-9869**.

Along with tackling outdoor work, corpsmembers will advance their education while in the CCC. For those who haven't completed high school, they can work towards a high school diploma or GED; those who have graduated can earn college credits. Opportunities to earn scholarship money for further education are available for all corpsmembers.

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"For young people uncertain about what they want to do, the CCC is a great opportunity to work on a variety of projects, further your education and maybe find a future career," said LeCourt. "Here's a chance for those living in the Escondido area to work right here in their community and enjoy the benefits of being in the CCC program."

More than 95,000 young men and women have been a part of the CCC since its inception in 1976. The Corps has both residential and nonresidential opportunities throughout the state.

For additional information on the Escondido crew or the CCC in general, contact LeCourt at (760) 741-9869 or visit the CCC's Web site at www.ccc.ca.gov .

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